Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time November 4th 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of November 11th

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3: 5

Theme: God strengthens us and we live with him forever.
Question for Children: God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?
Question for Youth: Growing up is full of challenges and choices, but St. Paul today offers you hope that God is with you in all of it! "May the Lord rule your hearts," Paul says. How do you experience this powerful divine assistance as you face the choices in your own life?
Question for Adults: Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?

Monday, November 5th
Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: For safety and spiritual growth for our youth & adults attending NCYC
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Tuesday, November 6th
Romans 12:5-16; Luke 14:15-24
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
Intention: Recovery of David Muldoon
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Stewardship & Welcoming Committee meeting in the library

Wednesday, November 7th
Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry Open

Thursday, November 8th
Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, November 9th
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12;
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, November 10th
Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
2 Macabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: *Susanne Wilhelmi*
Altar Servers: *Bethany, Hannah & Elijah Ehresmann*
Blood: *John Wang, Jacqui Blaha & Jerry Silbernagel*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Joni Osnes & Jerry Meyer*
Sacristans: *John & Cathy Wang*
Ushers: *Bernard & Loretta Wiehl*
Choir: *Family Choir*

Sunday, November 11th
2 Macabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38
8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Our OLBH Community
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Dane*& Hannah Schroeder, Kevin Chamberlain*
Blood: *Beth Anne Ferley, Larry Williamson, Betsy Van Asma, Brenda Jacobs*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Larry & Joyce Williamson*
Sacristans: *Marc & Brenda Jacobs*
Ushers: *Don Everson & Tom Van Asma*
Choir: *Regina's Minstrels*
9:15 a.m. – Noon – Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: *Mary Pulaski, Kaleah & Austin Evans*
Blood: *Jim Hoag, Denise McCormick, Bernadette & John Usera*
Body: *John Osnes*
Lectors: *Curt Lauinger & Jim Pulaski*
Sacristans: *The Blauvelt Family*
Ushers: *Bob & Pam Wentz*
Choir: *Folk Group*
7:00 p.m. Adoration & Evening Prayer

Sparks from Fr. Mark

This coming Wednesday 13 youth and adults from Our Lady of the Black Hills and 15 from Sacred Heart in Pine Ridge will board a bus for a 20 some hour bus ride to Columbus, Ohio for the National Catholic Youth Conference November 8-10. (NCYC) The theme of the conference is "Discover the Way."

NCYC is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general sessions and workshops addressing a wide variety of topics as well as opportunities for reconciliation, daily liturgy, and special activities such as concerts, a dance, and comedy club. The thematic park is a unique venue incorporating traditional exhibits with interactive educational and recreational activities.

NCYC began in 1983 following in the footsteps of its predecessor conference, the CYO biennial national convention. In its early days, NCYC was held regionally, one session for each coast. Combined attendance at the regional conferences was a few thousand. In 1991, the two conferences merged into one national event. In the mid 1990s interest in NCYC began to increase. Today, NCYC draws 20,000+ youth and adults for three days of catechesis, prayer, service, and recreation. More than 20,000 are expected to participate this year.

In the past, our parish community has helped to send our youth and adult chaperones to Atlanta, and Houston. In 1983 my home parish Blessed Sacrament, along with the diocese of Rapid City sent a group of young people to the conference in San Francisco. I was fortunate to be one of those young people who experienced the National Catholic Youth Conference, which in the end, had a tremendous influence on my own call to the priesthood.

Please keep all of us prayer who are heading to NCYC this coming Wednesday that we may discover something new as followers of the way—Jesus Christ!

Past NCYC Hosts

Host City	Year	Attendance
Atlanta	2005	22,000
Houston	2003	22,000
Indianapolis	2001	25,000
St. Louis	1999	22,400
Kansas City	1997	17,500
Minneapolis	1995	11,000
Philadelphia	1993	9,000
Indianapolis	1991	7,200
Louisville/Denver	1989	5,800
Portland/Pittsburgh	1987	5,000
Phoenix/Biloxi	1985	3,850
San Francisco/Washington DC	1983	3,300

Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Shirley Little Thunder, George Senn, Helen Barber, Darren Eckstein, Joe Creek, Joshua Weaver, Grant Coffin, Mary Kay Young, Thelma Sorenson, Sharon Long, Doris Hume, Dorothy Roseland
Repose: Art Helm
We also remember those who died this last year from our parish community: Darvin Glen Weiger, Steven Allen Melvin, Phillip Dale Clarke, Donald L. Barbour and Faith Eleaner Albrecht

Stewardship	October 27th & 28th
Loose	$1,618.10
Envelopes	$2,538.00
Votive	$1.00
Student	$44.95
Building Fund	$170.00
Other	$120.00
Total	$4,492.05

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2008
"Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep!"

On November 11th we will all be asked to make our pledge of support for our diocese through the annual diocesan appeal. You will be receiving information about the appeal soon. Please keep in mind all of the ministries that depend upon your help in order to continue meeting their needs, for example, Catholic Social Services, Family Life, Seminarian and Priest Education, Ministry Formation, West River Catholic, Religious Education, Marriage Tribunal, Youth Ministry, Native Concerns, Faith Formation, Office of the Bishop, the Newman Centers on our college campuses, and the retirement and care for our elderly priests.

Calling all OLBH Music Ministers

We will be rehearsing Mass and Advent music November 4th between masses (9:10-10:10 a.m.) Please join us!

Do You Enjoy Music Ministry?
Then Mark Your Calendars!
FR. MARCHIONDA is coming!

Fr. James Marchionda, a Dominican priest, preacher, composer, conductor, singer, and woodwind instrumentalist, who offers parish missions, workshops, keynote presentations and concerts throughout the United States and abroad, will offer a Parish Mission at St. Therese's in Rapid City Sunday through Wednesday, November 10-14, 2007. Call for further information.

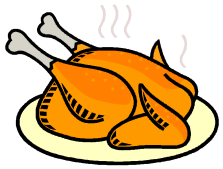
OLBH Parish Library Update
From Mary the Librarian

Being able to borrow books from a library is great, but having books to read at home is even more wonderful. And it's the greatest of all when you can be certain they are good quality books for children. This month we're giving parents, and anyone else who likes to give books to children, an opportunity for gift giving at Christmas.

A mini-catalog for the Catholic Family Book Club, from Paulist Press, is available in the library. It offers forty-two selections, which are mainly focused on younger children. Prices start at $1.75 and go up to $10 and $14 for sets. We have some examples on display in the library so you can inspect the binding. Take home a catalog and ***return the order form by November 5*** so we can send in one combined order to reduce postage costs. Make out your checks for advance payment to the OLBH Library. The shipment will arrive in time for Advent and inclusion in your Christmas packages. Please contact Mary Coffin by email at: library@olbh.org if you have any questions. I would like to extend many thanks to people who have helped with the library's development recently. Several people signed up to be on the advisory board, others will be helping with special projects the library will sponsor, such as the recent All Saints Day book display. One couple contributed money for us to purchase new books for the kids. Several people have donated nearly new books which we'll add to our collection. More details about all of these soon. Thank you! - Mary

Fall Festival Turkey Dinner

Please join us November 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the annual Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner. We are asking each family to bring a large salad (12+ servings), dinner rolls, or pie. We are also taking donations for crafts, baked goods, cakes for the cake walk, and bingo prizes. Thanks for your contributions, they are appreciated! Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex. Tickets are $7.00 for adults and $4.00 for children. Children under 3 are free. If you have any questions please contact Lorinda Collings at 787-5623 or Cathleen Denekamp at 787-6398.



25th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

A turkey dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 1489, will be held November 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton School. All are welcome and the meal is free.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Topic: How to Help Others See God in Their Lives. Entries must be in no later than January 31, 2008. More information is posted in the gathering area.

Employment Opportunity at St. Martin's

A nursing assistant is needed at St. Martin's health care unit to assist five elderly sisters with their activities of daily living. Part-time day or evening shifts. For further information call Sister Teresa at 343-8011.

Renew Focus for Week Four
Preaching the Good News Today

All Christians are called to evangelize, that is, to bring the Good News of salvation into all areas of society. What does it mean to preach the Good News today? Preaching in the context of the liturgy of the Church is a specific office and function of priests and deacons. Each of us, however, "preaches" in another sense as we live out our specific call to holiness in the Christian community.

Attention OLBH Parishioners

Are you missing a favorite dish, bowl, pot, or cake pan? If so, it could be in the kitchen downstairs. Please take inventory and pick up your missing items by Thanksgiving or they will be given to the needy. Thank you!

Pass it On!
Lifelong Faith Formation Rally
Sponsored by the Youth Commission and the Diocese of Rapid City

Who can attend? Pastors, Catechists, DRE's, Youth Ministers, Youth Group Leaders, Generations of Faith Teams, RENEW Teams, Parent Life Teams, and High School Youth.
When and Where: Friday, November 16th 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 17th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fort Pierre. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get together and learn how we can serve our young people. Plus, there will be some great food, fellowship and music! For more information contact Teresa Thompson at 787-5168.

Christmas Gifts Needed for Sturgis Senior Care Center

Clothing, socks, undershirts, pajamas, slippers, hair bands and barrettes, jewelry, body wash, body spray, lotion, shampoo, stuffed animals, knick knacks, Christmas cards and wrapping. All must be new or like new. A collection box has been placed in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please call Kathy VanAsma at 787-6218.

Thanksgiving Dinner
Piedmont Valley Lutheran Church

A community turkey dinner will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area if you wish to donate food or money, or lend a helping hand.

Maternity Home Mission Informational Meeting

Please join Msgr. O'Connell and myself for an update on the Maternity Home Mission effort on Thursday, November 8th at St. Theresa's Church. You are invited to attend Mass at 7:30 a.m., followed by coffee and rolls, with the meeting to begin at 9 a.m. Hope to see you there! Diane Wittenhagen.

Rachel's Corner

"The retreat process helped me to lay all my brokenness at the feet of Christ. I was able to ask Christ and my children for forgiveness." (Testimony after a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat)

Forgiveness, healing, and hope are offered at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, a ministry for those affected by abortion. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org. For information about local retreats contact Carol King at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com.

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: February 22-24, 2008 in Richardton, ND, and April 18-20, 2008 in Rapid City, SD.

For the Ride Home
By Ted Bergh

Scripture
- For you love all things that are. (Wisdom 11:24)
- Every day will I bless you. (Psalm 145:2)
- We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith, that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him. (2 Thessalonians 1:11)
- So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus. (Luke 19:4)

Reflection
- Where do you find God?
- How do you do God's will?
- Do you allow God to work through you?
- What is your prayer, and what do you hold near to your heart?

The Church must offer itself as one of the principal agents whereby the human community is made to stand under the judgment of the enduring values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: freedom, justice, peace, charity, compassion and reconciliation.[1]

[1]Dulles, Avery, Cardinal, *Models of the Church*, (NY: Doubleday, 2003), 89.